

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. No Claims have been amended. No Claims have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-44 are now presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection*Youn*

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 8-12 and 31-35 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Youn, U.S. Patent No. 5,847,924 ("Youn"). Youn shows a conventional notebook computer with a base 24 and a display/lid 22. The docking station 40 has its own CPU and peripherals such as a CD-ROM 38. There is nothing in Youn to suggest that the notebook computer portion is unconventional, so it is reasonable to assume that the CPU, motherboard, system memory, hard drive and battery all reside in the base 24. The lid most likely carries only the display and perhaps indicator lights and a microphone. While such a configuration has many elements in common with the claimed invention, it does not anticipate the invention as recited e.g. in Claim 1.

Turning to Claim 1, it first recites, "a display housing comprising a display and a CPU." Youn does not teach that the CPU is in the display housing. There is nothing in Youn to suggest that it breaks with the convention of putting the CPU in the base near the keyboard. Claim 1 further recites, "a base flap pivotally attached to the display housing and pivotally attached to the base." The Examiner has suggested that the "base flap" element should be read on the docking station 40. However, the docking station has no pivotal connection with the base and no pivotal connection with the display housing. On

the contrary, the docking station locks into place as shown in Figures 4 and 5 with the rear of the base tucked under a ledge 32 and the front of the base held in place with clips 34. Finally, Claim 1 recites, "so that the display housing may be oriented to rest on the base with the keyboard exposed for use with the display." While the display housing of Youn does rest on the base, this has nothing to do with the docking station.

Because Youn fails to suggest these limitation of Claim 1, Claim 1 is believed to be allowable over the reference. Claims 2-17 are believed to be allowable on similar grounds among others.

Turning to Claim 31, it also recites, "a base flap pivotally attached to the display housing and pivotally attached to the base" As explained above, no such base flap is taught or suggested in Youn. Claim 31 further recites, the "base flap may be folded between the base and the display housing to a tablet position exposing the display and covering the keyboard." This is also not shown in Youn. The notebook in Youn has only two positions opened (Figure 1) and closed (Figure 2). There is no way to expose the display while covering the keyboard.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Youn and Rezek

The Examiner has rejected claims 3-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over ("Youn"), in view of ("Rezek"). Rezek is not relied upon for and does not show the features of Claim 1 mentioned above which are also absent from Youn.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection*Youn and Rosenberg*

The Examiner has rejected claims 18-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over ("Youn"), in view of Rosenberg et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,429,846 ("Rosenberg").

Turning to Claim 18, it recites, " a base flap to removably attach the base (including a keyboard) to the display housing (including a tablet)." Youn does not show a base and a display housing that are removably attached through a base flap. The only removable part of Youn is the docking station which attaches only to the base and does not connect the base to the display housing.

Rosenberg does not show and is not relied upon to show the base flap. Accordingly, Claim 18 and Claims 19-28 which depend thereon are believed to be allowable over the cited combination.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 13-17 would be allowable if amended to incorporate the limitations of intervening independent claims. Claims 36-44 were indicated as allowed. These claims remain in the application.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

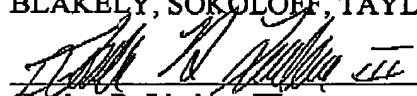
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Respectfully submitted,

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